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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

September 15, 2006

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's September 27th public Board Meeting will be held in Sacramento at the State Capitol Building, Senate Hearing Room 112. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.**

At this meeting Authority staff will be requesting the authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Orange County Transportation Authority. Additionally, Authority staff will be presenting an overview of the proposals received on the Financing Plan work, as well as the selection of the firm for board approval. Also the staff will be updating the board on the progress of the Project Management procurement process. And finally the Authority will be given a presentation on the status of the Regional Rail program.

At the August 9th public board meeting Authority staff presented proposed regulations for the selection process of Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms as required by GC §4525 et. seq. for board review and comment. Additionally the board approved the release of the Request for Proposal for the Financing Plan contract.

At the August 23rd public board meeting the Authority adopted revised regulations for the selection process of Architectural and Engineering (A&E) firms for submittal to the Office of Administrative Law. Additionally the board approved the release of the Request for Qualifications for Project Management contract and a Request for Proposal for a Visual Simulation contract. Finally, the Authority approved the draft Requests of Qualifications for Preliminary Design and Project-Specific Environmental work to be release in late September.

For information on the all of the Authority's work visit the Authority's website located at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director